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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

PETROGRAD'S DESPERATE FLIGHT.

WILL SOON BECOME "ONE LARGE CEMETERY."

London, January 4 (delayed).

Reuter's correspondent at Stockholm says Bolsheviki arrested on the Finnish frontier describe the condition of Petrograd as desperate. The city will soon become one large cemetery. Numbers of starving people are falling dead in the streets.

THE EMIGRATION COMMITTEE.

London, January 4 (delayed).

The Emigration Committee includes Lord Burnham and representatives of the Board of Trade, the Colonial and War Offices and the Local Government Board. The Ministry of Labour replaces the Management Committee of the Emigrants' Information Office. Women's representative are also being appointed.

INFLUENZA'S TOLL IN JAMAICA.

London, January 4 (delayed).

Reuter's correspondent at Kingston says there have been 4,000 deaths in Jamaica from influenza.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE BERLIN UPHEAVAL.

MINIATURE BATTLE FOUGHT.

London, Jan. 8.

It is difficult to estimate the situation in Berlin owing to the conflicting reports. The latest message states that the fighting yesterday was the most sanguinary hitherto and several hundreds were killed. Miniature battles occurred in the Wilhelmstrasse where the Spartacists attacked the Foreign Office. Apparently last night the Government regained control of the situation, at least temporarily. One report states that Marshal Hindenburg has arrived at the capital. Another report says General Groener, Ludendorff's successor, has requested the Government to allow him to occupy Berlin, saying that forty reliable regiments will easily restore calm.

Reuter's correspondent at Berlin, telegraphing prior to the Spartacist coup d'état, describes the capital as in the throes of the National Assembly election campaign in which the Majority Socialists, whose leaders do not anticipate an absolute majority, are daily gaining ground. Many non-Socialists intend voting for the Majority Socialists in the hope of ensuring the party's energetic opposition to the extremist attempts to break up the National Assembly.

SPARTACISTS SEIZE POWER.

Paris, Jan. 8.

According to a message from Berlin at Düsseldorf, Muelheim and Oberhausen the Spartacists have seized the power and proclaimed the sovereignty of the proletariat on the Russian model.

HEAVY FIGHTING.

Baal, Jan. 7.

The "Frankfurter Kurier" reports that Central Berlin is the scene of heavy fighting. The Spartacists forced their way into the Chancellor's Palace whence they fired on the "Vorwaerts" buildings, Herr Eichhorn with troops having taken up a strong position at the royal stables. The Spartacists mounted machine-guns before the residence of the new Police President. The Majority Socialists appealed to the soldiers and workers to rise en masse in defence of the new republic. Spartacist newspapers declare that the Spartacists are masters of the Reichs Bank and barracks.

A RED ARMY.

London, January 7.

The "Telegraph" Rotterdam correspondent, writing on the 6th, reveals the Machiavellian policy of numbers of the Soldiers Councils of Germany who have been secretly arranging demobilisation so as to ensure that the great majority of the remaining troops are imbued with the revolutionary spirit. Consequently the German forces still under arms is largely the Red Army. This policy was especially successful in Brunswick where the Spartacists hold the reins of power and are playing great influence at present in Berlin.

BRITISH MINESWEEPERS' DEMAND.

London, Jan. 8.

Correspondents at Rosyth state that the minesweepers attached to the Grand Fleet are asking to be allowed to return home. They declare it is the Navy's job to sweep the oceans clear of mines.

The Admiralty is offering the men two pounds sterling extra per week. Some of the crews have refused to sail. They declare the pay is insufficient in view of the risk and the big guns which they could earn by fishing.

It is officially stated that after the armistice the Admiralty asked the minesweepers to volunteer for further service and offered to increase the men's pay by two pounds sterling weekly. This is not equal to the earnings of fishermen but is the best that the Admiralty can do.

Most of the minesweeping bases have agreed to these proposals. The Admiralty has now informed the minesweepers that non-volunteers need not go sea, and they will be discharged as soon as active service ratings are trained to minesweep.

FREIGHT REDUCTIONS.

Washington, Jan. 8.

The Shipping Board has announced reductions of twenty-five to thirty per cent on freight rates from Atlantic ports to Asia, Japan, Australia and Africa effective on January and February loadings.

THE H.K.D.C. SMOKER.

A MEMORABLE EVENING.

The smoking concert given by Major H.A. Morgan and officers, to which all members of the H.K.D.C. were invited, in the Theatre Royal, last night, was an unequalled success and the occasion will long remain in the memory of the members of that body of men. The particular purpose of the function was to organise a suitable gathering to witness the distribution of the prizes won at the recent Corps Rifle meeting, which office was generally performed by His Excellency, the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G. The chair was taken by Major H.A. Morgan and amongst those present were the General Officer Commanding, Major General Ventris, Major Cassel, Major Black, Major Armstrong, Major Ardolino, Major Wakeman, Col. Passby, Col. Crisp, Lieut. Col. Chapman, Captains Landale, Northcote, Stewart, Russell, Lammert, Kennett and Harston, the Captain Supt. of Police, the Hon. Mr. E.D.C. Wolfe, the Hon. Mr. E.H. Sharp, O.B.E., and about 500 members of the Defence Corps.

By kind permission of Major Morgan and officers, the Band of the 18th Infantry was in attendance and through the courtesy of Mr. Edgar Warwick the members of the Vanity Fair Company, kindly provided the major portion of the programme, which has already been published. The proceedings were opened by the playing of the National Anthem, upon the arrival of the Acting Governor, who was accompanied by Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, A.D.C.

The members of Mr. Warwick's Vanity Fair Company, acquitted themselves admirably. They are a most highly talented aggregation of artists and their success in Hongkong should be little short of phenomenal. The Misses Eileen Boyd, Shirley Cooke and Madge Griffith exhibited genuine talent as variety artists, and, coupled with that, they have the great advantage of possessing voices considerably above the average. Their versatility is also a most prominent feature. The male members of the Company are equally good, but since this is not the occasion to criticise the Company we will go no further than to say that they will prove an eye-opener to Hongkong for they are, to use an Americanism, "the goods." Sergeant Canavan of the Manchesterers displayed exceptional talent as a comedian and kept the audience in roars of laughter by his clever humour. The other contributor to the evening's entertainment, Captain Ash, gave some very clever displays with the lasso. He appeared to be able to do more or less as he pleased with a length of rope, his dexterity being little short of marvellous. An amusing incident during his "turn" was the lassoing of a member of the audience who was in the act of drinking a glass of beer. Before the glass had reached the drinker's lips, the loop coiled gracefully but firmly round his shoulders and he was compelled to hand over the drink to the Cowboy. Captain Ash was deservedly greeted with tremendous applause at the conclusion of his performance.

Before the presentation of prizes, H.E. Mr. Claud Severn presented Capt. Kennett with the Volunteer Decoration, briefly recapitulated his service in the Corps and expressed the hope that the recipient would live many years to reap the decoration and that to be of a great deal further use to the Corps of which he had so far been a distinguished member. (Applause.) Then followed a couple of speeches. "E. the Officer Administering the Government said: Your Excellency, Major Morgan, and Members of the Hongkong Defence Corps. We are met here to-night at the kind invitation of Major Morgan and the Officers of the Hongkong Defence Corps and on your behalf and my own I desire to express our great appreciation of the fine con-

tainment provided. I have been asked to present the prizes won at the Rifle meeting held on the 29th and 30th December, but before doing so I should like to refer to the very great improvement shown in the musketry this year, due, I believe, in no small measure to the greater keenness shown by all ranks in arranging for private practice. The number of marksmen and first class shots is much larger than last year, and I would make special mention of two very fine scores, namely, those of Corporal Grimes 154 and Private Keith 153 out of a possible 170. I should think that it is doubtful whether better scores have been made in this course anywhere and I only regret that tangible recognition of such excellent shooting is not forthcoming this evening as the musketry season is not yet over and there is no saying that something even better may not be done yet. In any case I am to have the honour of providing the cup. (Applause.)

The Rifle meeting was the first held by the Defence Corps and it is hoped to make it an annual fixture. It forms an interesting adjunct to the Annual Musketry Course and is designed to encourage rifle shooting throughout the Corps. The entries at this first meeting have been a little disappointing but that may have been due to the dates fixed. Competitions had been arranged especially for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class shots competing amongst themselves, but the entries were not numerous enough to allow of these being held. It is hoped that next year more mediocre shots will enter. The standard reached in the competition was very high and I would make special mention of Lance Corporal Goodman's shoot in the Commandant's competition; of the excellent score made by the winning team, No. 8 Platoon, and of Private Leask's performance in the Blake Shield. The open revolver competition proved a great attraction, but the entries for the Corps competition were poor. Musketry must also be made of the very sporty way in which the Engineer Co. entered for the team competition, although they did not win a prize their shooting was excellent despite the fact that they have little or no opportunity for practice, especially in rapid fire. (Applause.)

Speaking as a private in the Defence Corps—though my privacy is at present somewhat in abeyance—I should like to express the thanks of the Corps to the Committee who worked so hard to make the meeting a success. Lance Corporal Wells deserves special mention. He did not spare himself and the smooth working of the meeting is greatly due to his capable organisation. We have also to thank the Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers and the Naval contingent for their services as Range Officers, But officers, and Markers. But after I have done all that I want to pay my tribute, and I feel sure that all present here to-night will desire to do so also, to our Administrative Commandant, Major Morgan since his appointment to the command of the Corps has been the mainspring of all our energies. He combines firmness with sympathy in a marked degree, and has that rare gift of knowing very man personally and all about him. There is no fear of slackness in the Corps while he is in charge, and I think we cannot do better to-night than accord him some hearty tribute of our regard for him by acclamation. (Loud applause.)

This meeting to-night following on the recent termination of hostilities seems to me to bring us to a sort of turning point in our work. What is to happen in the future? Is all the training to be thrown away as soon as the law permits a man to resign? I hope not. Organisation is a device resorted to by European nations from time to time. It removed every able-bodied man from his ordinary occupations for a considerable period, but as it was the same for all, the effect on the community was not greatly felt. Our nation, when the absolute necessity for organisation was clear, fell into line, but now that the necessity for it has happily passed, a system so foreign to our ideas

of liberty will probably come to an end. While that is so, however, I cannot help thinking that it would be a deplorable thing if our nation should in the future remain the least lax in attitude. Though the continued remembrance of that great old soldier, the late Lord Roberts, fell on deaf ears before the war, I think his views on universal training would meet with general acceptance to-day. "A nation in arms" as the motto of the journal which advocated his view had it, does not sound perhaps quite consistent with the downfall of Militarism, but if we substitute for that motto "A nation in which every youth shall be trained and be capable of bearing arms" I think few will quarrel with the idea. Before the war it was almost regarded as the peculiar fad of a few enthusiasts to be keen on acquiring Military knowledge and training. Now we may thank God that it is considered a disgrace for any young man to be without such knowledge. The whole moral and physical well-being of our race is involved in such training and I cannot believe that we shall ever allow ourselves to fall back into the old ways. Such was the case I think that in His Majesty's Overseas Possessions where it is not always easy to maintain a high standard of physical training such bodies as the Hongkong Defence Corps offer splendid opportunities for continuing the early training acquired in the motherland. Young men who come here in future will require no recruits training; there will be none of those melancholy exhibitions to which we have been accustomed during the past few years of middle-aged gentlemen being taught the rudimentary recruits drill; and it will be possible to organise a moderate but efficient system of training suited to the climate and the conditions of modern professional and commercial life. In these circumstances I must express a profound hope that all of us, who are members of this fine Corps will continue as such when compulsion has given place to voluntary sacrifice of a portion of leisure hours. No British community will tolerate leaders in future, and it is leading in my opinion to have no other method of spending one's time than that of seeking one's own pleasure. The man who sacrifices a portion of his leisure for the good of his country will be both an efficient soldier and take pride and pleasure in making himself efficient and will also play the game in field sports better for having done so. Competitions such as that just concluded, the Annual Musketry course, individual field firing and occasional field days in the winter months will to a great extent take the place of warlike drills and parades because all will be efficient in such things. The whole outlook will be altered and I do appeal to every man present here to-night to make up his mind, as I have already done myself, that to the best of his ability he will strive to maintain his efficiency as a soldier when war measures shall have passed away, and he is again free to make his choice of continuing to serve his country in addition to consulting merely his own pleasure and amusement.

After the prizes were presented Major Morgan said: I have to thank His Excellency very much for coming here to-night and presenting the prizes, and I thank him very much for what he said about myself, also you for the way you have received it. I have done my level best, first of all as Inspecting Officer of the Volunteers and Reserves and then as Commandant of the Hongkong Defence Corps, and as long as I am in that position I will continue to do my best. I have the interests of all at heart and will try to meet you in every way that I can. I will just say one word more and that is His Excellency mentioned about staying on in the Corps when compulsion shall be no more and I put it to you, everyone of you here present in this hall to-night and every member of the Corps and ask you for God's sake stay on in the Corps. We may not have such strenuous times but we want every man to stay on in the Corps and

KAISER'S BOARD.

TONS OF GOLD AND SILVER.

The Daily Chronicle's special correspondent Mr. George Roewick, writes of Berlin. Amsterdam, Nov. 18.—A great consignment of money has arrived in Holland for the Kaiser. It consists of 200 sacks, each containing more than a hundredweight of German gold and silver coin. Exactly where it came from in Germany is not known, and naturally great secrecy is maintained as to where the Royal exchequer's treasure trove will be established. The cash, it is believed, will be deposited in the bank in a town in South Holland. This consignment came across the frontier in sealed wagons and the greatest precautions were taken in conveying it to its secret destination.

I learn from an excellent source that William of Hohenzollern still harbours the belief that all is not yet lost. He appears to believe that there may one day arise circumstances which will facilitate his return to Germany, and is convinced that the majority of German hearts are still with him. The coming National Assembly interests him greatly, for he thinks its deliberations may result in a decision to preserve the monarchy in Germany and put some minor member of the Hohenzollern family on the throne under a Regency. He would then, he believes, be able to return to the Fatherland and live the remainder of his life in a much happier position than that of an exile. He is credited, too, with clinging to the last straw of hope that the Royalist partisans are still strong enough to do something, though he apparently does not think the Entente might have something to say in that event. Meanwhile, at Amerongen, he is regarded as a guest likely to make a long stay.

ally in this part of the world more than anywhere else. I ask you every man under the age 45 to step on and do his level best to keep up the fine name that this Corps has now got. (Applause.) I ask you to give three cheers for His Excellency for kindly presenting the prizes this evening.

The cheers were heartily given, and His Excellency returned thanks, after which the company gave themselves up to the enjoyment of the rest of the evening.

At the conclusion of the programme, Major Morgan mounted the stage and presented the lady members of the Vanity Fair Company each with a box of chocolates. In doing so, he said it was entirely due, he thought, to the members of the Warwick Company that the smoking concert had been such a tremendous success and he thanked them very heartily for coming forward and giving a most delightful programme. (Cheers.) The audience then drank the health of the members of the Vanity Fair Company, with musical honours.

Corps Sergeant Major Bond, on behalf of the members of the H.K.D.C., thanked the hosts for their kind invitation. The members of the Corps who had attended this concert would, he said, never forget what had been one of the finest concerts ever held in the Colony. (Applause.) With regard to Major Morgan's appeal he could only say that if the officers of the Corps gave them such a treat next year they would find just as many men, and more, still members of the Volunteers. He asked the company to rise and drink the health of Major Morgan and also the health of the officers of the Corps, with musical honours. (Applause.)

This evening was a most successful one, and the members of the H.K.D.C. were very much pleased with the outcome of the

THE S.P.C.A.

SOME GOOD SIGNS.

We are glad to say that our advocacy of the removal of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Hongkong, has awakened fresh interest in the subject. Names are now coming in of those who are anxious to identify themselves with the movement, and we shall be glad to receive more, which will be forwarded to the proper quarter in view of the calling of a meeting shortly.

A correspondent, using the nom de plume "Pussy," writes from the point of view of creatures who are particularly subject to cruelty, saying "I have read with much interest your article dealing with the reviving of the activities of the S.P.C.A. Your suggestions are very much to the point." The question has been very much discussed at our latest roof garden concert in the higher levels. Much sympathy was expressed with the unhappy condition of our sisters and brothers, less fortunate than we, in their residences in the Chinese quarters of the town. I have asked my mammy, who, by the way, is actually good to me, to let me have three dollars and have much pleasure in enclosing my modest subscription towards the funds of the Society. In a few nights I am having my "At home" in the kitchen garden of our Peak residence—a crush, you know, to which I have asked Everybody who is Anybody, and I will do my best to get some further donations from my guests. Wishing you every success in your laudable enterprise."

The money enclosed with this letter will be handed over to the Society in the event of its being re-formed.

"VANITY FAIR."

TO-NIGHT'S ATTRACTION.

The modern skit dancing has little in common with the old skit-dance style of dancing that was popular in the East in the dark ages about the time of the Pemberton Willard of Pleistocene epoch. Miss Yerk, Paix, the captivating dancer of "Vanity Fair," represents the very newest of the fashion Terpsichorean. She uses frills as a lure, but her importance is purely secondary. She dances with her brain as nimbly as with her feet. She makes a picture, suggests an emotion, always. She dances with her feet, her ankles, her knees, her hips, her waist, her shoulders, her whimsical red mouth and the interminable witchery of her eyes. About her there is something early-Victorian—positively nothing at all!

Leslie Holmes, the leading comedian, is probably the most consistently amusing artiste that has ever been here. His jests have an excellent dry subtlety, but they always gleam with fun. In his gay good humour there is no dubious faint. He is famous for his improvisations and is never known to stick in the rut. His experience has been wide and varied. Off the stage he has written a little, painted a little, sported a little and done a little of everything. He is the principal fun-maker of the show, but is aided and abetted by the whole of the company for they all make merry in various ways.

To-night will witness the initial performances of the Company. The booking is very big for the entire season, and especially for to-night.

DON'T FORGET.

TODAY.

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A REMARKABLE LETTER.

Several months ago Mr. J. M. Paxton, of Sydney, received from a highly placed friend in London a copy of a letter written by Herr Ballin, the great German shipowner, to Privy Councillor Dr. Rathenau, Berlin—so it is understood. Herr Ballin committed suicide upon the signing of the armistice; and this might almost have been foretold by those who were aware of the letter written last December which we are now able to publish. Mr. Paxton has kindly sent the *Sydney Morning Herald* a copy—

Hamburg, Dec. 4, 1917.
My Dear Herr Geheimrat—
You honour me in asking me to express an opinion regarding the probable course of our economic policy after the war. But I cannot do this in any satisfactory or sufficient way within the brief compass of a letter. All I can do is to jot down a few thoughts that strike me as being applicable to the present serious situation. I must say at once that neither in this city nor in any other part of the country do I find a definite or well-conceived plan of action for the re-establishment of after-war economic relations, nothing advocating which can be adopted without grave misgivings as to its feasibility. Most of what we read in the newspapers as to our preparedness for embarking on brisk trade and manufactures as soon as peace has been concluded is, I fear, written with the manifest intention of heartening our people, who are notoriously ignorant of our actual economic conditions and all that threatens them.

Take, for example, that branch of commerce with which I am supposed to be familiar—shipping. What sorry lies have been dished up to our people on this subject. One reads of the resounding hammer strokes of riveters as they work at the creation of new Leviathans for our overseas commerce. Hamburg, Bremen, Danzig, Settin are supposed to be buzzing with shipbuilding. Not long ago one journal asserted that nearly 400,000 tons were almost ready for launching. And there is hardly a vestige of truth in any of these statements. Our yards are only working for the navy, and as for other ships, we have not the material or accommodation, and, above all, we have not the necessary labour, skilled and unskilled.

A CRITICAL FIVE YEARS.
Believe me when I say that our mercantile marine is in a perilous condition. The bill to re-establish and strengthen it, which is now before the Reichstag, even if passed in its integrity, will show no results for at least five years, and it is in these five years that our fate will be most adversely influenced. What will not our great maritime competitors make of these five years—Great Britain, the States, Japan? What will not neutrals make of them—neutrals who have enormously added to their reserve capital—Norway, Denmark, Holland? I almost despair when I

think how important it might have been for our people to have known the truth about the state of our shipping resources. I never saw Herr Ballin. I never saw the letter. I never saw the policy of unrestricted submarine warfare. You will remember how I went to Berlin to seek the hand of the authorities. I begged them to reflect, and they told me the country insisted on it. This was not true. I pointed out how it would inevitably draw America into the conflict. They scoffed at me, smiled at America, and scorned her threat. Do they smile now? Let me tell you that it is my opinion the entry of the United States into this struggle may spell absolute disaster for us.

Our people have little or no knowledge of the American character. You and I have made a most careful study of it. What stuff our publicists and journalists write about their Mammon worship, their greed, their envy of other nations, their lack of discipline—oh, that blessed word discipline! You and I know that the Americans are probably the most idealistic nation on the earth's surface. We know that they would not have entered the lists of our foes had they any doubt as to the justice of their cause. Nonsense to say that they have been influenced by Britain. We are mad not to see where we are, and whither we are driving. In antagonising America we have done a disastrous thing, a thing which will throw its cold shadow on our economic life for generations.

BRITAIN'S OPEN DOOR.
But if I am concerned about our relations with the United States, I am still more anxious about our relations with Britain. I realise as never before that all the increase in our wealth, all the success which attended our enterprises in the years before the war, were owing to our intercourse with the British Empire. Her home ports, her dominions and colonies, were freely opened to our shippers and traders. Sometimes I wondered at this generosity, and even called it folly. Is it to be imagined for a moment that those old relations will return?

I am not to be supposed, dear Herr Geheimrat, as saying one word in favour of Britain's policy in this war. I believe that she entered it from some base motives. Not for a moment do I believe in her humanitarianism, her alleged desire to liberate or protect small nationalities. Britain is a greedy and unscrupulous Power, as all her past history proves; but I am now only dealing with the fact that by our conduct of this war, by the insensate folly of our pan-Germans and our unspeakable Press, we have turned her inborn dislike of us into a loathing so cold, and fierce, and lasting as sometimes to make me tremble for the whole future of our economic existence.

"OFFENCE UPON OFFENCE."
Consider what we are risking. We look forward to resuming our sea trade. We build our proudest expectations on this. How are we to resume it in face of an Anglo-Saxon world which loathes and must loathe our presence among them? Do our fools of Chauvinists realise that we have hardly a port at which our ships can call, and where friendly welcome will be extended to them? (Continued on next column.)

GENERAL NEWS

CHINESE MILITARY MISSION.

The Chinese Mission, now visiting munition works, arsenals, manufacturing establishments, and military training centres in England comprises Lt-General Tang Tsai-li, Major-General Hang Ling-chun, Capt. Kang Joukion, Colonel Cheng, and Major S. M. Tao. Hon. Major D. Padesy is attached to the mission.

HONOURED BY JAPAN.

The Emperor of Japan, in commemoration of the visit to London of Prince Fushimi, has made the Lord Mayor a commander of the Order of the Rising Sun and the Sheriffs Officers of the same Order. The Order of the Sacred Treasure has been bestowed upon Mr. T. F. Rider, Chief Commoner, and Sir James Bell, the Town Clerk.

GOOD WORK BY SALVATION ARMY.
The work of the Salvation Army in Peking at Christmas included the feeding of 1,000 of the poorest children in Peking, and a smaller number in Tientsin and other places. In Tientsin, Tsinaifu and other towns a substantial meal was given to a number of beggars—the crippled, blind and aged ones being specially selected. At Kalgan and Ta Tung-fu the prisoners in the goal were made happy by a festival prepared for them by the Salvation Army Officers.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Second-Lieutenant Cumming, Royal Highlanders, who was killed on Oct. 23, aged 19, was the younger and surviving son of the late Mr. Alec Cumming, of Singapore, and of Mrs. Cecil Carver of Sutton, Surrey. He was educated at Uppingham, where he was in the O.T.C., and was gazetted to the Black Watch last July. He proceeded to the front in August. His brother, Lieutenant A. B. Cumming, the Black Watch, was killed in March, 1916, in the relief of Kut.

Dover, Falmouth, and Southampton, Gibraltar, Malta, and Alexandria, Aden, the Persian Gulf, Bombay, and Colombo, Singapore and Hongkong—what are they? Great Britain's arsenals, naval bases, coaling stations, repairing docks, in which we dare not show our faces if Britain so wills. It is the same around the African Continent, the same in the West Indies, and in the Pacific. We have not a coaling station of our own, not a place where we can effect repairs. Yet in face of this—a most deadly serious state of affairs—we go on piling up offence on offence.

But we must beat England, you say, no matter what the consequence. I agree. All I say is that whether we beat her or she beats us the consequences will be the same—disaster to our overseas trade if Britain so wills it. We may, in the event of victory, impose all sorts of conditions securing us most-favoured-nation treatment, securing us free entry into British ports everywhere. No sane man believes that these conditions will help us.

A GLOOMY PROSPECT.
And just one point more, and it is perhaps quite as serious. With a hostile British Empire, galled and fretted with our military success, raging at its losses, hopelessly alienated, how are we to procure the raw material which this Empire alone can supply? You have studied this question, and I am sure of your agreement. You do not believe in the silly assertion that after the war the British markets for raw material will be open to us. Where are we to procure our supplies of jute if not from India? If we are driven from Africa, where are we to seek our full supplies of rubber, palm kernels, and copra?

What a prospect! Within the British Empire are produced countless articles on which we have hitherto relied, and which will be indispensable in the future if we are to swim and not to sink. Wool from South Africa and Australia, spelter, wolfram, nickel, cobalt, and endless more. That great Empire is self-contained, and we are not all the military victories, and all the wild will-o'-the-wisps about "Hamburg to Bagdad," will not help us.

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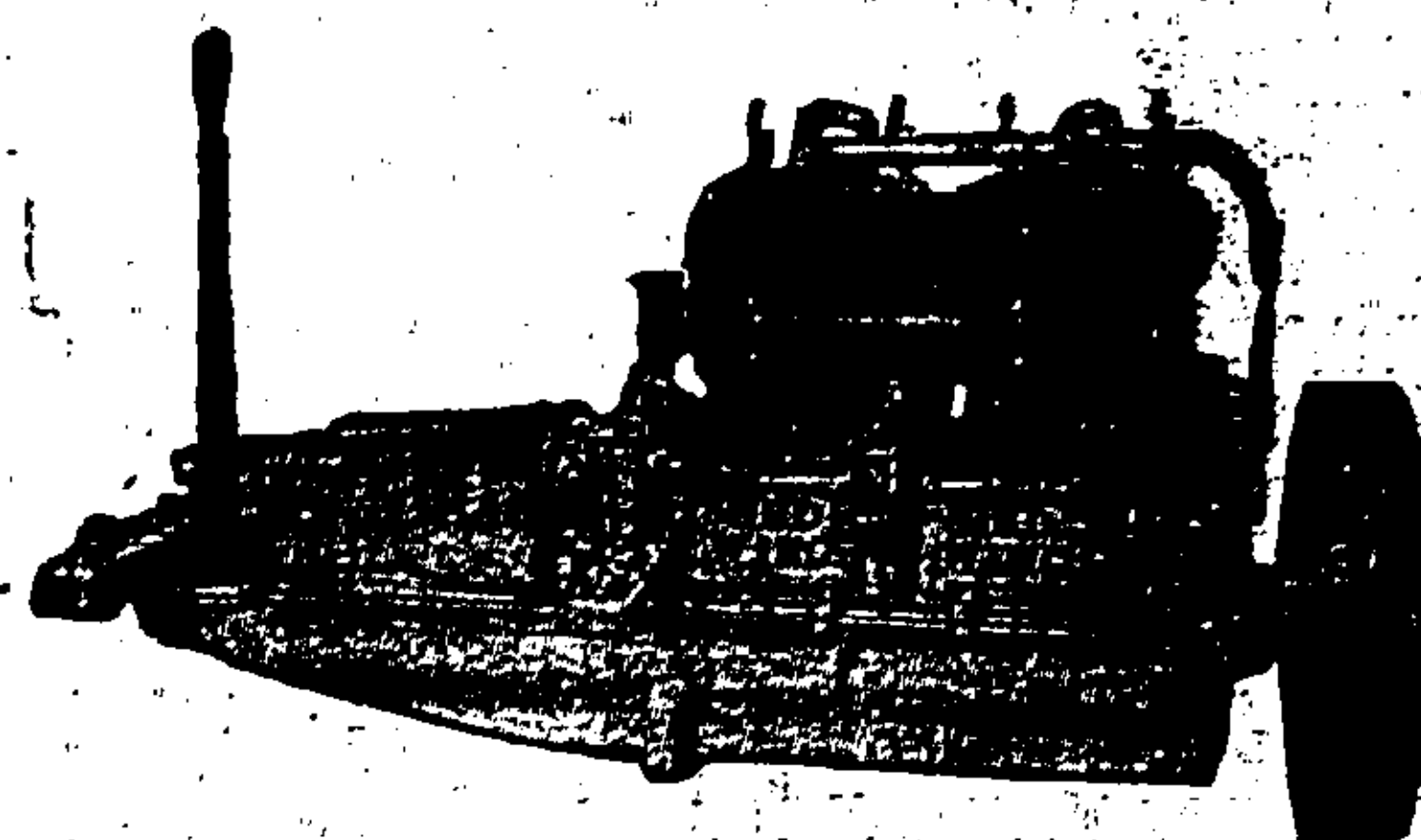
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GENERAL NEWS.

A BOLD ONEY.

A bold piece of daylight robbery was perpetrated at the entrance of the Yokohama Specie Bank in Dairen, recently. A Chinese employee of a Chinese exchange broker went to the Yokohama Specie Bank and drew 2,730 yen, which he placed in a canvas bag. With the bag dangling from his hand, the young fellow came out of the Bank building, and as he just set his feet on the street a Japanese pounced upon him, and with a sharp knife cut off the cords of the bag, and started on a dash to escape, but was eventually arrested.

REMARKABLE FLIGHT.
General W. G. H. Salmond, commanding the Air Force in the Middle East, arrived in Baghdad after having flown from Cairo. A party of five, consisting of General Salmond, General A. E. Borton, commanding Palestine Brigade of R. A. F., Captain Rose-Smith, of the Australian Flying Corps, and two air mechanics left Cairo and arrived at Damascus 53½ hours later. They stayed the night and left Damascus arriving at Baghdad six hours and fifty minutes later. The final stage was a distance was 510 miles in a non-stop flight.

THE LATE GENERAL BIDDULPH.
The late General Sir Robert Biddulph was one of the few surviving veterans of both the Crimean War and the Indian Mutiny. Field-Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood, who is three years younger, being another distinguished survivor of those stirring campaigns. His chief and best work was as High Commissioner of Cyprus very soon after that island was ceded to us by Turkey immediately after the close of the Russo-Turkish War by the one-sided treaty of San Stefano, which we had annulled by the European Powers at the Congress of Berlin in 1870. The late Lord Wolseley first administered Cyprus, but after a few months he left for South Africa, being appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Natal and the Transvaal in May 1879. General Biddulph did much to improve the state of the island during his long administration of six years.

CHINESE RAILWAY STUDENTS.
Both the Communications Office, Peking, and the China Railway Association have endorsed the proposed despatch of Chinese students to Japan to undergo a course of training to the end of equipping them with practical knowledge and training at the hands of the Imperial Government Railways. Young candidates have been selected from all the Government Railways and a formal overture is to be made to the Imperial Government Railways. These students number ten.

DEMOLISHING TROOPS IN INDIA.
It is the intention of the Home authorities to demolish the British troops in India by groups according to the national importance of the trades followed by the men before enlisting, says an exchange. To facilitate demobilisation, commanding officers of all units have been asked to prepare an elaborate census of all British troops under their commands. In this form will be detailed the name, age, length of service, medical category, next of kin, occupation and many other details. A complete census was in this way to be taken on 15th December and the lists completed and submitted by commanding officers by 22nd December so that there was a possibility of demobilisation starting early in the New Year.

A MORAMEDAN CONFERENCE.
The Standing Committee of the All-India Mahomedan Educational Conference was to hold its 33rd sessions at Surat on the 27th, 28th and 29th December. A strong reception committee had been formed to make the movement a success. It was expected that a very large number of delegates from all parts of India would attend and be the guests of the Hon. Mr. S. C. Bhabha. The Hon. Sir E. B. Sahasrabudhe, a pioneer of education, has kindly accepted the presidency.

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EFFECTS OF THE BLOCKADE.

No more eloquent proof of the desperate straits to which our blockade at last reduced the enemy could be provided than that which was found in the advertisement pages of German and Austrian newspapers. For many months past offers of metals, chemicals and fats appeared in considerable numbers. But, in the last batch of German periodicals to hand, covering the period of the Allied offensive, there was almost a complete falling off in the number of these. On the other hand, the demand for man power was shown by the enormous number of advertisements most of which come from aeroplane works, including the Zeppelin factory near Spandau. The papers also contain an advertisement from an inventor, who claims to have patented "a real safeguard against the fall of aeroplanes." Even this hardy optimist, however, cannot provide any surety against the even more alarming fall of the mark!

COL. PRINGLE.
Lieutenant-Colonel H. D. Pringle, Royal Artillery, who has been gazetted a General Staff Officer of the first grade, has just

experience of fighting in China.

He took part in the China Expedition, 1900, was present at relief of Peking, and the actions at Peitsang and Yangtsun (medal with clasp), and in the days preceding the present war he was General Staff Officer to the Forces in North China, and shared in the siege and capture of the German stronghold at Tsingtau by the Allied naval and military forces (mentioned several times in despatches, brevet lieutenant-colonel, Order of the Rising Sun, D.S.O.).

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

An interesting show, held by the National Chrysanthemum Society at the Royal Horticultural Society's fortnightly meeting in London recently, was opened by Sir Albert Rolin, who announced that the Japanese Ambassador had become a patron of the Society. This mark of the appreciation with which the work of English growers is regarded in the land of the chrysanthemum was very gratifying. Their skill was emphasised by the high quality attained in the show amid the difficulties of war-time.

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AFTER THE MEETING.

Now that the mass meeting is over and the public of Hongkong has indicated its wishes in regard to the type of constitutional reform which it requires, the dominating thought in most people's mind is as to what prospect there is of the demands being granted. As we have seen before, it is one thing for a public meeting to pass resolutions, but quite another to get its wishes met. In this instance, the petition to the Secretary of State has to be made through the medium of the local Government, from which enthusiastic support of its contents is not to be expected but, as we have before had occasion to remark, the public has at any rate a right to expect that its desires shall not be damned by faint praise. After all, the proper sense in which to view the Government is as the servant, not the master, of the taxpayers. Because of the access which the Hongkong Government has to the private ear of the Secretary of State, and by reason of past traditions causing great weight to be attached to the Colonial officials' views, the attitude of Officialdom towards this movement must be a big factor in the success or otherwise of the campaign. We should like to feel that the Hongkong Government will not pre-judge the case, but that a fair hearing will be given the people, who are sincere in these demands.

After all, what the Colony is seeking is nothing revolutionary. The people who pay the taxes merely ask for the right of being able to control Hongkong's domestic policies. That fact cannot be too strongly emphasised. We are not asking, either for something which others have not had granted them, for as Mr. Pollock very appositely pointed out at Thursday's meeting, there are Crown Colonies to-day which possess the very form of government which Hongkong seeks. Then why cannot this Colony have it also? There is no reason either of logic or expediency that we can think of why it should not. The present system has well been described as one of "benevolent despotism." Well, despotism in any form, benevolent or otherwise, is wholly out of place in the present era. The British Empire, of which Hongkong is no unimportant part, has been exerting its whole energies for the past four years to kill despotism. Is autocracy, no matter what its degree may be, to be kept alive in Hongkong while other parts of the Empire are enjoying greater liberty and will get even more still in the future? That would be to make the British slogan of self-determination and the killing of despotism something not far, if at all, removed from hypocrisy. Government by officials, on purely domestic issues, is utterly indefensible. It cannot be justified on any ground whatever. It must be discarded as out of tune with the spirit of the age.

The resolution passed at Thursday's meeting asks for due and prompt attention to be given to this subject. Those words were meant. We do not want this question held up, or postponed, as in the case of the request for a Commission to report upon the housing problem. We want the desires of the community to be made known immediately to the Imperial authorities. For this is an issue on which the public has fully made up its mind; business is meant this time, and we want no dilly-dallying with the matter. If the prompt representation of the community's views should be prevented, or if the local Government, by means of the "private despatch" system kills the movement, there will still be other means of impressing upon the Imperial authorities the fact that the public is in earnest. As a last resort, the unofficial members of the Council could resign in a body, as a protest, just as the members of the Licensing Board once did. But we trust that no such measures as these will be called for. The request which is made is based on common sense and reason. It deserves consideration, purely on its merits. Our hope is that it will be received in that spirit, and that before long this urgently pressing reform will be an accomplished fact.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

WANTED: SOME HEAT.

Hongkong has been a bye-word amongst civilised peoples, not by reason of its large army of unlicensed hawkers, but by its licensed cruelty to animals. In no other British possession, we think, is cruelty to dumb animals permitted as it is in Hongkong. The S.P.C.A. idea is essentially British, and in every civilised city such a Society exists. In Hongkong the residents have in the past been too absorbed with the dollar-getting question. Problems that affect them have received prime consideration, but Press agitation to stamp out cruelty in this Colony have only received a cursory reading and, at most, there has been a little ripple on the water. Ask the Hongkong public "Do you want a vote?" and all Hongkong will send in applications for one. A meeting to enlarge the Legislative Council can generate heat, but past proposals to establish a Society in Hongkong to stop cruelty to animals have been pooh-poohed and the reply given *cui boni*. Every day we see around us most repelling outrages committed on birds and animals by the Chinese. It is nobody's business to interfere. We are only birds of passage and the question should only interest faddists. While Hongkong has been under British rule for nearly three-quarters of a century, little has been done to remedy this scandalous state of things. It is true we have an S.P.C.A. in Hongkong, but it is on a *joci-cousa*. It only exists in the Directory, and may it rest in peace there. There is now an attempt to resuscitate the Society here. Recently a private meeting of a few of those interested in the matter was held and there is a prospect of something concrete resulting. A small band of persons cannot found an S.P.C.A. in Hongkong; it must have the hearty support of the public, to materialise.

GOOD PROSPECTS.

A meeting will soon be held to discuss the propriety of reviving the Society here. The Telegraph has already received promises of support, and there is every prospect now of the idea catching on. From the tone of the letters that we have received it is obvious to us that the appeal this time is not going to fall on deaf ears. The following excerpts from a letter by a lady correspondent are typical of others that have been addressed to us:—

"Frequent cases of cruelty constantly come to one's notice; for instance, that of carrying pigs in open bamboo crates is particularly revolting. Little observation is needed to see how terribly the animal's flesh is cut into. At times the unfortunate creature is carried perhaps for miles. The painful way in which fowls are handled is another frequent outrage." The obstacles for establishing a Society to deal with such outrages are not many. There are probably in existence the rules and regulations which had been drafted before for the defunct S.P.C.A.; there are funds lying in its Secretary's hand. Equipped with these and subscribers' annual fees, the path should be a smooth one for our new body. All that will be needed then will be enthusiastic workers.

QUITE UNDERSTANDABLE.

The impatience of our soldiers and sailors to get back once again into civil life can be well understood. Many of them have had three or four years of war service and have undergone great hardships. It is true that their retention under military and naval discipline is as nothing compared with what they have experienced in the past; and they must certainly feel great relief in the thought that they have done with fighting. But probably it is that very idea which is at the bottom of their anxiety to return to full freedom. Many of them no doubt have business and domestic matters which urgently need their attention, and they can therefore be forgiven a little impatience at the prospect of being kept in uniform indefinitely. "We do not think for one moment that they are in any way disloyal or disaffected; they have a very natural desire to get back to their homes. As to whether demobilisation is proceeding as rapidly as the circumstances justify, we cannot say. But we feel sure that if there has been any cause for complaint in this direction it will now be speedily removed. All the same, the authorities are really the best judge of the situation, it is up to the men, after making due representations, to continue to obey."

NO DOCTRINE OF IMPORTANCE CAN BE TRANSFERRED IN A MATURED SHAPE INTO ANY MAN'S UNDERSTANDING FROM WITHOUT; IT MUST ARISE BY AN ACT OF GENESIS WITHIN THE UNDERSTANDING ITSELF.

To-morrow is the 60th birthday of the Marquis of Crewe.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 3s. 3-15-16d.

There was again a clean bill of health yesterday.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending December 23, amounted to 70,129 tons and the sales during the period to 69,524 tons.

His Honour the Chief Justice has ordered that the next Criminal Sessions for the despatch of the business of the Court shall be held on Monday, the 20th day of January, 1919, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Brigadier General, the Hon. Sir Charles Crewe, Lt. Col. J. Morwood and Col. R.H. Whitwell have arrived in the Colony and are staying for a few days prior to their departure for various destinations.

The average mean temperature last month was 6.52, the highest being 78.6, on the 20th, and the lowest 49.2, on the 28th. There were 108.9 hours of sunshine and 140-inch rain. The average humidity was 80.

Fire broke out this morning, at No. 23, Wing Lok Street, at about 2.30. The Fire Brigade was quickly upon the scene, but the flames managed to secure a good hold and burned with considerable force for about an hour and a half.

The embargo on the import of tea into the United Kingdom having been removed, Hongkong residents again have the opportunity of sending cheer to their friends. An advertisement elsewhere in this issue gives particulars of Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co's scheme.

It was a bare-faced lottery, not a "Drawing for War Bonds" that got a Chinese into trouble. He was found to be in possession of some tickets for the lottery and was arrested. He tried to bribe a constable in addition, so if he has not the winning ticket he will probably have to go to gaol for six weeks unless he can find other means of raising the fine of \$60.

Under the Sale of Food and Drugs Ordinance, during the last quarter of 1918 the following samples were analysed: Brandy, 7; ice, 1; milk, 13; rum, 5; whisky, 2. Of these, seven samples of milk and the two whisky samples were adulterated. Four samples of milk proved to be of very poor quality and the dealer was warned. For the whole year, this adulteration cases were 24 of milk out of 91 and two of whisky out of 12.

"Auntie gave it to me," said a Chinese who was charged to-day with stealing an unfinished coat and trying to pawn it. Mr. Melbourne asked "where did you really get it from?" but the accused declined to be confidential and still adhered to the tale of auntie's benevolence. Mr. Melbourne then read out a string of previous convictions including a punishment order for five years. It is doubtful whether auntie will provide the \$100 which will have to be paid in lieu of two months' hard labour.

A Chinese was charged to-day with stealing some bags from the Dairy Farm Company. He tried the time-honoured excuse, so much favoured by opium smugglers—the bags were given to him. Mr. Stephenson, assistant manager of the Dairy Farm Company, said the firm were missing a lot that they knew of, and a lot that they did not know of. The thief, given one month's hard labour with four hours' stocks in lieu of the last day.

DAY-BY-DAY.

1894. HONGKONG TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

(Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for week ending January 19, 1894.)

THE DOLLAR.
 January 13.—The rate of the Dollar, on demand, to-day is 2s. 3-15-16d.

THE POLICEMAN'S LOT.
 January 15.—That "the policeman's lot is not a happy one" few will question, much less the members of the local force who came out here under agreement and with the belief that the dollar was worth 3s. 6d. at least, and now find that with the exchange at 2s. 3d., they are in reality getting less pay than men of their station at home. This fact the Governor-in-Council seems to have suddenly recognised in a most remarkable manner, the result being that a circular has to-day been submitted to all posts and conditions of policemen in the Colony, asking them if they are willing that their pay should be reckoned at 3s. and that should any of them, at some future date go home on leave or on pension, that rate of pay should stand good? "No," says Robert Peel, who can see about as far through a five-barred gate as the next man, "especially when his hard earned wages are in the near distance. Well, well! What next we wonder."

A FAIRY PLAY.
 January 15.—On Saturday afternoon the girls of the Belinfante Public School, before a large audience of parents and friends, performed a musical "Fairy Play" called "Pansy, or the Flower Fairies." The performance was greatly enjoyed both by the audience and the pupils themselves and great credit is due to their mistress, Mrs. Ratemann, for the excellence of the show.

MORTALITY.
 January 15.—During the month of December 403 deaths were registered in the Colony. Of these the Tung Wah Hospital was responsible for 93, the Asile de la Ste. Enfance 71 and the Italian Convent 30. There were 10 deaths among the British and foreign civil communities, two from the Army and one from the Navy.

AMATEUR THEATRICALS.
 January 15.—By special request, an extra performance of "Princess Toto" will be given by the A.D.C. in the Theatre Royal to-morrow afternoon, presumably for the delectation of Peakites and children generally. Special rates have been arranged for the latter and the show is to begin at 4 o'clock.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.
 January 17.—The winter is breaking, already and summer may be on us even before the Chinese New Year. Dr. Dobereiner's figures show that the thermometer has been rising lately and the barometer falling, while the steamers arriving report that north-east monsoon is already giving way to the south-west.

PRICE OF GOLD.
 January 18.—Owing to the steady rise in the value of gold, large quantities of gold ornaments, jewellery etc., are being brought to Hongkong from Canton and other parts of China for sale to gold dealers who smelt it down into bars and retail it to the local banks.

"GUSH."
 January 19.—Another dose of Robinsonian gush in course of preparation. His Excellency the Governor—Heaven bless him—has kindly consented to distribute the prizes to the pupils of the Diocesan School and Orphanage on Friday 26th inst. at noon.

NEW CHINESE WHARF.
 January 19.—After being kept out in the cold since time immemorial, Chinese owned steamers running in opposition to the "Hongkong" Canton and Macao Steamboat Co's vessels have at last procured a wharf in a convenient part of the Praya.

HONGKONG BANK DIVIDEND.
 January 19.—Subject to audit, the Directors of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank propose, at the forthcoming meeting to declare a dividend for the half year of £1 per share, place \$300,000 to the credit of Reserve fund; \$100,000 to the credit of Bank premises account, and carry forward \$115,290.83 to the next half year.

FAMOUS COWBOY IN HONGKONG.

AN ADVENTUROUS CAREER.

There is passing through the Colony, at the moment, on his way to Calgary, Canada, via Calcutta, Captain George Ash, one time cowboy, U.S. Government Scout Ranger etc.

Interviewed by a Telegraph representative, Captain Ash recounted some of his exciting adventures, a full account of which would fill a book. The tales of hairbreadth escapes and adventures would rival the fictions of a Mayne Reid or a Marryatt. To give an idea of the adventurous life this gentleman has experienced, we relate a few instances which were recounted.

Captain Ash, who has been a cowboy for 27 years, in Texas, was for four years a Captain in the Texas Rangers. He received his title of Captain for services rendered to the U.S. Government in connection with securing information in Mexico, as a Secret Service agent of the Washington (D.C.) War Office. After enduring many hardships and taking enormous risks, Captain Ash succeeded in acquiring valuable information, for which he was rewarded by a commission in the Texas Rangers.

Last year, Captain Ash was requested to go to Santa Domingo, in the West Indies, to hunt down a gang of bandits who had been murdering whites in the interior. Upon arriving at Santa Domingo, and after an interview with Major Ramsey, the Chief Intelligence Officer of the American Marines stationed there, and studying the conditions in the interior, Captain Ash started upon the work of hunting the bandits down. In less than two months, with the assistance of only 30 men, every bandit operating in that country was accounted for. Captain Ash was wounded several times and carries the marks of his wounds which testify to his narrow escapes.

Two years ago, in Columbus, New Mexico, a party of Mexicans crossed the border and raided the town of Columbus. Captain Ash received orders to hunt the raiders down. His orders also included instructions that he was not to cross the border and enter Mexican territory. Not to be denied the credit of succeeding in his enterprise, Captain Ash defied his orders and with three other Rangers, tracked the raiders to their camp, at night, surrounded it and opened fire and not one of the desperadoes escaped alive.

Our adventurer also served under General Funston at the battle of Vera Cruz, in the Mexican Revolution, and assisted in the taking of the town, which was accomplished in twelve days. In this battle 800 or 900 Mexicans were killed and about 20 American sailors of the battleship Prairie. After matters had quietened down, Captain Ash returned to El Paso, Texas, and continued to serve for a time in the Rangers.

"When I came back," said Captain Ash, "the green grass and the home comforts sure did look good to me. There is no place like civilisation." Recently, Captain Ash has been giving exhibitions of cowboy craft, in Shanghai, in aid of American Red Cross funds, for which services he was presented with a medal by the American Red Cross officials in that city. Captain Ash is a Canadian born, and when he reaches Calgary, he intends to join that remarkable body of men, the Royal North West Mounted Police, where, judging from his past experiences, he will certainly find himself at home.

In our pictorial supplement to-day we give a photograph of Capt. Ash.

GRANTS TO MONGOLIAN PRINCES.
 In order to show special treatment to the Mongolian Princes, who went up to Peking to meet the New Year greetings to the President, the Government granted each of them an allowance of three hundred dollars so as to enable them to defray their personal expenses whilst in the capital.

HONGKONG PASSPORTS.

NEW REGULATIONS.

The Hongkong Government Gazette contains the following:

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-clause 1 (a) of Clause III of the Order of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria in Council dated the 26th day of October, 1896, as enacted by the Order of His Majesty in Council dated the 21st day of March, 1916, which were brought into operation in the Colony by Proclamations dated the 5th day of August, 1914, and the 12th day of May, 1916, respectively, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government is pleased to make the following regulations:—

1. No person whose age exceeds or appears to exceed fifteen years shall enter the Colony unless he produces a passport which has been granted to him by or on behalf of the Government of the Country of which he is a subject.

2. The date of issue or of renewal of such passport shall be within a period of not more than two years prior to the date of the arrival of the holder in the Colony.

3. If the holder of such passport is not a British subject, it shall bear a visa granted by a British Diplomatic or Consular or other Official Representative.

4. In the case of a Russian subject such visa must be obtained in the country in which the holder first starts upon his journey with the intention of proceeding to Hongkong, and a similar visa must be obtained in the port or place from which he embarks for Hongkong. Such visa must contain a definite recommendation that facilities may be given for the holder of the passport either to enter Hongkong or to pass through Hongkong to a destination named in the visa.

5. No master of any vessel shall bring into the waters of the Colony any person who does not hold a passport in accordance with these regulations.

6. If a master of any vessel has reason to believe that a person who does not hold a passport in accordance with these regulations had been brought into the Colony in his vessel, he shall cause such person to be detained and he shall forthwith notify the Captain Superintendent of Police.

7. The master or in the absence of the master then the owner or the agent of the vessel by which any person is brought into the Colony in contravention of these regulations shall on notice in writing by the Colonial Secretary be liable to convey and shall cause to be conveyed such person out of the Colony in the vessel in which he was brought to the Colony or in some other vessel named in such notice on such date and to such place as the Colonial Secretary may specify and no charge shall be made against the Government in respect thereof.

8. No person shall assist or attempt to assist any person to commit any breach of these regulations.

9. Any person committing a breach of these regulations shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding \$500 or to both imprisonment and fine.

10. These regulations shall not apply:

- (a) To any member of His Majesty's Naval and Military Forces travelling on duty.
- (b) To persons of Chinese race.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued by Mr. F.C. Jenkin, O.B.E., state:—

COMBINED PARADE.
 All ranks will parade at Central Station at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15th. Uniform, Caps with covers. Belts and capes. No awards or rifles will be carried. Inspectors will not wear belts.

PANAMA CANALS.
 The Government has passed an order for the Panama Canals, dated January 10th, and has cancelled the same.

SERVICE RIFLES.
 The Orders as to the drawing of Rifles from the Armory on January 13th and 15th are hereby cancelled.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH EXTRA.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1919.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

THE LATEST PROPOSAL.

Paris, January 4.
M. Leon Bourgeois, President of the French Association for the Society of Nations, interviewed, said he and the Presidents of the British, American and Italian Associations are now formulating a scheme for presentation to the Peace Conference, namely, that the Allies firstly form a League of Nations, including compulsory arbitration and limitation of armaments; then the Allies would inform Germany of the conditions of peace and immediately after peace is concluded the Allies would convene a Universal Conference at which they would call upon nations anxious to join the League to observe the rules agreed on by the Allies. Guarantees would be required from each State and those presented by Germany would be strictly verified.

THE PEACE PRELIMINARIES.

Paris, January 8.
A preliminary consultation takes place to-day at the Foreign Office. It will be attended by M. Clemenceau, President Wilson, Signor Orlando and representatives of the British and Japanese Governments. Preparatory work in connection with the Inter-Allied Peace Conference will begin at a formal meeting on Monday in Paris.—Havas.

MYSTERY CONCERNING PEACE CONFERENCE.

Paris, January 9.
The French Press comments on the excessive mystery surrounding everything concerning the Peace Conference, which is quite according to diplomatic tradition.

President Wilson has officially informed the French Government that he wishes to be considered, as regards the Peace Conference, not as a chief of State but as his own Prime Minister.

THE BERLIN CRISIS.

GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS LIEBKNECHT'S CHALLENGE.

Basle, January 8.
A message from Berlin says the Government has issued a manifesto to "the workers, bourgeois and soldiers," stating that the Spartacists are extending their domination over Berlin and that Herr Liebknecht has declared war to the knife against the non-Socialist population. Therefore the Government members have accepted the challenge and have appealed for the formation of a Volunteer Republican Defence Guard.

BOLSHEVISTS IN BERLIN.

Amsterdam, January 8.
A message from Berlin says the Bolshevik, M. Radek, is still in Berlin, while the ex-Ambassador, M. Joffe, has also arrived. The *Volks Zeitung* says this is almost incredible.

A REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE.

Berlin, January 8.
A message from Berlin to-day says the Spartacists have established a New Government styled the Revolutionary Committee, comprising Herren Liebmann, Ledebour and Tiek. The last-named is the President of the Spartacus League.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE AND DEMOBILISATION.

THE NEED FOR CAUTION.

London, January 8.
It is officially announced that the Prime Minister has been carefully giving attention to the speed of demobilisation. He considers the first duty to be to ensure that the fruits of victory, which have been won by the sacrifice of so many lives and brave deeds, are not jeopardised by the apparent weakness of Britain during the "critical months of the peace negotiations. It is therefore imperative to maintain a strong Army on the Rhine and necessary services behind the front in France and at Home. Although fighting is stopped, the war is not over. The German Armies are not demobilised and are still very powerful. We cannot tell what the Germans will do or whether they will agree to the terms of peace and reparation which we seek to impose upon them.

THE EX-KAISER.

UNDERGOES SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

Amsterdam, January 4.
The ex-Kaiser has undergone a successful operation on the ear.

BAD WEATHER AT HOME.

London, January 5.
Heavy snowfalls in the South-West, the West and the Midlands of England, and rains and floods in the Thames Valley, have partially interrupted communications and interfered with football.

BRITISH PEACE DELEGATES IN PARIS.

Paris, January 5.
A number of British delegates to the Peace Conference, headed by Sir Eyre Crowe, have arrived.

A SPLENDID RESCUE.

New York, January 5.
The last of the stretcher cases on the wrecked Northern Pacific have been taken off after unparalleled difficulties and three days of cold, rain and biting wind. A stairway was constructed from the ship's side to the destroyer.

FRENCH LAWYER'S DEATH.

Paris, January 8.
M. Buit, a prominent French lawyer, has died in Paris.—Havas.

A RESTRICTION REMOVED.

Paris, January 8.
The prohibition regarding the sending to foreign countries of newspapers published in France, containing advertisements, is now abrogated.—Havas.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE FRENCH FLOODS.

Paris, January 8.
The Seine floods have become dangerous. In low-lying quarters the water has invaded several small streets and riverside suburbs, householders being obliged to leave their houses.—Havas.

A FRENCH RESIGNATION.

Paris, January 8.
The French under Secretary of Aeronautics has sent a letter to M. Clemenceau resigning his post in consequence of the incorporation of the Air Service in the Ministry of War.—Havas.

FRENCH SHIPPING CHANGE.

Paris, January 8.
The authorities at Brest have been notified by the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique that it will henceforth use Brest as its main home port in France. There are now crossing the Atlantic 900 passengers who are due to arrive at Brest to-morrow. Special trains are in readiness at Brest to convey the passengers from the port direct to Paris.—Havas.

OBITUARY.

MR. J. ELLIOTT.

Many residents of the Colony will hear with deep regret of the death, at the age of 62 years, of Mr. J. Elliott, Superintendent Engineer of the Hongkong Hotel Co., which took place at the Government Civil Hospital this morning. The deceased strained his heart last Sunday and, suffering from the effects thereof, was admitted to hospital on Wednesday. His condition was not altogether serious until this morning, when he became unconscious and later succumbed.

The late Mr. Elliott was twice married and had two sons and a daughter by his first marriage. His sons have both served in the war, and we hear that one of them had won the Military Cross. It was only comparatively recently that he went on a holiday to Australia, where he was again married, and he returned to the Colony last summer, bringing his wife with him. With the widow and deceased's children much sympathy will be felt.

Deceased came East in 1907, having previously been chief engineer on Mark Wood's boats, running out of Liverpool. On coming to Hongkong, he secured the position of Assistant Superintendent Engineer of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., under Mr. T. W. Robertson, which he held for some two years, then joining the Hongkong Hotel Co. in the capacity named. He was a most enthusiastic supporter of the Institution of Engineers, being one of its oldest members and the first convener of its Literary Committee, in which he took deep interest. He had also been for many years a member of the Committee and was a strong mover in the recent decision of the Institute to exclude enemy subjects from membership. He was very well liked by all who knew him, and at the Institute his practical knowledge was much appreciated. He was a native of Sunderland.

The funeral takes place to-morrow, passing the Monument at 4.45 p.m.

A PUNCH COMMENT.

A Chinaman named Wong Tu was recently fined \$5 for refusing to sail from Boston, Linco. The magistrate was of opinion that Wong Tu had no Right Tu.—Punch.

REAR ADMIRAL KIDDLE.

Rear-Admiral E. B. Kiddle, C.B., A.D.C., who has just been promoted to flag rank, is well known on the East Indies and China Stations, where he served for several commissions.

CHEER FOR CHAIR AND RICKSHA COOLIES.

THE "TELEGRAPH" FUND.

We have received a further donation to the fund to provide Chinese New Year cheer to chair and ricksha coolies, and shall be happy to receive further subscriptions.

Already acknowledged	... \$45
Wong Hoi	... 10
	\$55

DEATH.

ELLIOTT.—At the Government Civil Hospital on 11th January, 1919, J. Elliott, Superintendent Engineer, Hongkong Hotel.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE & STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"KANAGAWA MARU."

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOON, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 17th January, 1919, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday & Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents
Hongkong, 10th January, 1919.

NOTICE.

NOTICE.—A Congregation of the University of Hongkong will be held in the Great Hall on WEDNESDAY, the 15th January, 1919, at 5.30 p.m. at which the Pro-Chancellor of the University, His Excellency The Officer Administering the Government of the Colony, will confer Degrees. Admission will be by invitation.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(Wah Tai Yat Po Service.)

Shanghai, Jan. 10.
The President telegraphs to Chu Kai-kim, chief peace delegate, stating that the place for the Peace Conference is not important. They should settle the question of fighting in Fukien and Shensi first.

Lau Chun-hau, Tsuchun of Szechuen, now stationed south of Shensi, reports to the Government that the Southern troops have retired from Shensi.

The British Minister to Peking urges the settlement of the case regarding ss. Kiang Kwan and the payment of indemnity for losses sustained by British subjects.

The Senate yesterday passed all the appointments of the Cabinet Ministers and also elected Li Sheng-tok as Speaker of the House. The appointments were:—

Minister of Foreign Affairs.—Luk Tsing-cheung.

Minister of Finance.—Kung Sun-jam.

Minister of War.—Kang Wan-pang.

Minister of Navy.—Lau Koon-hung.

Minister of Education.—Foo Tsang-cheung.

Minister of Justice.—Chu Sum.

Minister of Agriculture and Commerce.—Tin Man-lit.

Minister of Communication.—Tao Yu-hum.

Minister of Interior.—Chin Nung-fan.

Wu Wei-tat, Minister to Paris, opposes the appointment of Wu Chao-shu and Wong Tsing-tung as peace delegates to Europe.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has determined to cancel the China-Japanese Agreement made in 1915, as same was signed under pressure.

The Bank Group has released salt surplus of 5,000,000 (2 taels) to the Chinese Government.

Chu Kai-kim reports to Peking that the following are the ideas of Tang Sha-yi regarding peace terms:—(1). Peace terms should be based upon the idea of the old Parliament. (2). Place of Conference should be Shanghai. (3). Restoration of the powers of the old Parliament. (4). Cancellation of the European War Participation Bureau.

Wu Wei-tat has sent a private telegram to the President reporting that he has had an interview with President Wilson, who has promised that he will do all he can to help China to get rid of all unfair agreements.

CITY HALL WORK PARTY.

TO-DAY'S MEETING.

There was a meeting of the City Hall Work Party, at the City Hall, this morning, presided over by Mrs. Stabb. The object of the meeting was to discuss the question of closing down, which will be done as soon as the material, which is supplied by the War Charities Committee, has been exhausted.

Mrs. Stabb appealed to the workers to continue to give their assistance until there was no further material, and the ladies willingly agreed to comply with the request.

It was pointed out that the need for soldiers' garments was now not so urgent; therefore, the principal effort was to be concentrated upon women's and children's garments although the work for soldiers will not be completely abandoned.

The members of the work party expressed their pleasure at having Mrs. Stabb amongst them again.

The big meeting prior to the disbandment of the City Hall Work Party will be announced in the due course.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE.—The Annual Open Billiard Championship of the Colony held under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club.

Entries close on the 22nd January and are to be accompanied by Entrance fee of \$2.

The number of points to be played and other arrangements will be decided at a Meeting of the Competitors.

A. McKirdy,
Hon. Secretary.

CLUB LUSITANO.
AVISO.

Sao por este meio convidamos todos os membros da Comunidade Portuguesa de Hongkong para se reunirem no Salao "Luis de Camoes" Club Lusitano as 11 horas a.m. do Domingo 12 do corrente a fim de se lançar um voto de agradecimento a "Constituicao Reformadora Association" de Hongkong e de aprovar a resolucao pedida para concedida a honra de insinuar um memoria de difa comunidade na representacao no Conselho Legislativo da Colonia.

O Secretario,
A. E. S. ALVES.

Hongkong, 10 de Janeiro de 1919.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO. LIMITED

AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LTD.

Consignees per Co.'s Steamer "AGAMEMNON"

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 11th January.

Optional cargo will be landed unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 17th January, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 31st January, or they will not be recognised.

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SHAMEEN NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

Shameen, Jan. 10.

It is reported that the four German sailors who are interned at the Naval Training Station on the Bund, Canton, are still complaining, although considering the difference between them and the Chinese prisoners, who are only allowed ten cents per day each for "chow," these Germans have a lot to be thankful for. It will be remembered at the time of the Declaration of War against the Central Power, four German sailors left to care for the German gunboat Tsingtao attempted to blow it up at Whampoa, where it was for the time being stationed. They are now allowed \$140 monthly for "chow," with an additional \$10 each personal expenses. Wearing apparel is provided on a very liberal scale, and it would be imagined they are getting on far better than other Germans in South China. Medical attendance is given, as well as the services of a dentist when required. They have the privilege of a walk on the Bund, etc., can attend Church services, being also allowed visits from their friends. Compare this treatment with the way prisoners have been treated in the hands of the Germans. The last of the Germans privileged to reside or visit the Shameen left on the 31st of December, 1918, and may a long period elapse before they are again to be seen here.

This morning witnessed a sight quite uncommon, which brought crowds out star gazing. An aeroplane flew over Canton city and across the Shameen. The Canton Authorities have for some time secured the services of Mr. Gunn and Mr. Lynn. Both these gentlemen are experienced, airman and have been experimenting with machines at Fong Tsun, Pait, Canton. Several attempts have been made to bring the machines out without success until this morning a flight was carried out.

We understand, through the Assistant Manager of the Bank of China, that \$350,000 worth of notes have been redeemed since re-opening on the 2nd of November last. A loan is about to be contracted with the Bank of Taiwan, Shameen, when security will be given, it is said, of the telephone system in Canton. It is reported that another loan is about to be contracted with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Shameen.

The Canton Amateur Theatrical Society is presenting on Saturday, January 18th, in aid of Allied Blind Sailors and Soldiers, a farce, "The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown," by John Buchanan and Charles Marlowe. The performance will be given at the Canton Club Theatre.

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HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

The following is the pass list of the Matriculation and Senior Local Examinations held in December last.

MATRICULATION.

Chiu Man-hap (Queen's College); Li Kai-wang, Richard Conrad Gegg (Victoria British School); Wu Min (Queen's College); Wong Lok-ka (Haigh College, Fatahan); Edward Ho Tung, Yew Hon-ping (St. Stephen's College); Lo Ying-tsun; Lam Shin Kwong, Kuo Ping Ho, Jose, Francisco Remedios (St. Francis Xavier College, Shanghai); Wong Yoh-roong (Normal School, Shanghai); Lee Yoh-seh, Lin Chang-ping, Yang Fung-chun, Yuen Yih-ching (all of Griffith John College, Hankow); Zee Poeh-vung (Ellis Kadocrie Public School, Shanghai); Zung Fung (Public School for Chinese, Shanghai).

*Qualified to enter the Faculty of Medicine.

Candidates who have previously passed the Matriculation Examination and have now qualified for the Faculty of Medicine:

Shin Kwai-shan, Ong Hock-lin, Ho Chee-wing.

Candidates who were referred in English at the last examination and have now passed:

Ichiji Kuribayashi, Hidetoshi Tanimura, Yu Kuei-hsin, Shih Chih-jen, Li Fu-ching, Shen Ye, Dong Tee Tsuan, Tan Chia Chan.

Candidates referred in English:

Yin Chung-yu, Cheung Chung-nan, Woo Tack-shun, Wu Tun-rin, Pao Te-cheng, Wang Chu-tai (Griffith John College, Hankow).

Candidate who has now passed in Chinese:

Chou Man-chan.

Candidates who may matriculate in the Faculties of Arts or Engineering but will be required to pass subsequently in Chinese:

Kwok Pook-heng (St. Stephen's College); Ngan Chun-on (Diocesan Boys' School); Kor Buleuk (Diocesan Boys' School).

Candidates who have failed the Matriculation Examination but have been awarded Senior Local Certificates:

Frederico Antonio Xavier (Queen's College); Sheik Abdool Mafiz Sopher (St. Joseph's College); Wei Man-pao (Griffith John College, Hankow).

SENIOR LOCAL—(BOYS).

Note.—Candidates who have qualified for Matriculation are entered in the Matriculation List.

David Lyon (Victoria British School); James Albert Cedric Graham (Kowloon British School); Henry Spencer Hall (Queen's College); Tain On-chun, Lee Bih-sung (Ellis Kadocrie Public School, Shanghai).

SENIOR LOCAL—(GIRLS).

*Lolita Maria de Sousa (Diocesan Girls' School); Edwina Louisa Rogers (Diocesan Girls' School); Alda D'Almeida Franco (French Convent); Nellie Albertha Pardon (Victoria British School); Maria Kacker (Diocesan Girls' School); Kathleen Kirkwood Murphy (Kowloon British School); Irene Ho Tung (Diocesan Girls' School); Syrie de Cotte (Italian Convent); Eva Ho Tung (Diocesan Girls' School); Edith May Fitcher (Diocesan Girls' School); Evelyn Stokes Woolley (Victoria British School); Eamsee Maude Cornall (Diocesan Girls' School); Esther Susie Tso (Diocesan Girls' School).

*Distribution in British Colonies.

*Distribution in French.

A SUCCESSFUL SUCCESS.

As the result of the Michaelmas examination of students of the Inns of Court held by the Council of Legal Education, Chan Si-kok, Middle Temple, passed the final examination.

NOTICE.

TENDERS which must be enclosed in sealed cover and marked TENDER will be received at the French Consulate up to noon on 20th January 1919 for the purchase of the French gunboats: "ARGUS" and "VIGILANTE."

Length 149 Feet 3

Breath 24 " 3

Draft 2 " 7

Compound engines 587 N H P

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The vessels may be inspected

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to be sold as they are with all

stores (armament, ammunition

and scientific instruments excluded)

Portions of each vessel's stores

are lying at Shameen, Canton and

at the Naval Dock Yard Saigon.

Expense of delivering such stores

to be for account of the successful tenderer.

Separate offers should be made

for each gunboat.

Successful tenderer must pay

purchase money to this Consulate

before 26th inst. immediately

upon which delivery of the

vessels will be granted.

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THE COALITION.

A HISTORIC MANIFESTO.

The Prime Minister and Mr. Bonar Law on November 21 issued "To the Electors of Great Britain and Ireland" the following manifesto:—The Coalition Government, supported by the strenuous and united labours of the whole nation, has now accomplished the gravest portion of its task. Our enemies have been defeated in the field, their armies are broken, and their Governments are overturned. Thanks to the patient valour of the Hosts of Freedom, the knell of military autocracy has sounded for ever on the Continent of Europe.

Other tasks directly arising out of the war now await our nation, and can only be surmounted by the good sense, the patriotism, and the forbearance of our people.

The unity of the nation, which has been the great secret of our strength in war, must not be relaxed if the many anxious problems which the war has bequeathed to us are to be handled with the insight, courage and promptitude which the time demands. As preliminary to the solution of these problems it is essential that a fresh Parliament should be summoned, possessed of the authority which a General Election alone can give it, to make the peace of Europe and to deal with the difficult transition period which will follow the cessation of hostilities.

MILLIONS OF NEW VOTERS.

Indeed, the present Parliament had long outlived its appointed term, and, meanwhile, millions of new voters, including for the first time representatives of the womanhood of the country, have been added to the electorate. It is right that the Government upon whom it devolves, in conjunction with our Dominions and our Allies, to settle the political future of Europe, should be supported by the confidence of the vast body of newly enfranchised citizens. We appeal, then, to every section of the electorate, without distinction of party, to support the Coalition Government in the execution of a policy devised in the interests of no particular class or section, but, so far as our light serves us, for the furtherance of the general good.

Our first task must be to conclude a just and lasting peace, and so to establish the foundations of a new Europe, that occasion for further wars may be forever averted.

The brilliant and conclusive triumph of the Allied Armies will, we hope, render it possible to reduce the burden of our armaments and to release, by successive and progressive stages, the Labour and Capital of the Empire for the arts of Peace.

A LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

To avert a repetition of the horrors of war, which are aggravated by the onward march of science, it will be the earnest endeavour of the Coalition Government to promote the formation by a League of Nations which may serve, not only to ensure society against the calamitous results of militarism, but to further a peaceful mutual understanding between the associated people.

Never have the men and women of our race played so great and commanding a part in the affairs of the whole world as during the tempests and trials of this great war, and never has the British name been so widely honoured.

The care of the soldiers and sailors, officers and men, whose heroism has won for us this great deliverance, and who return to civil life, is a primary obligation of patriotism, and the Government will endeavour to assist such members of the armed forces of the Crown as may desire to avail themselves of facilities for special industrial training, and to return to civil life under conditions worthy of their services to the country.

Plans have been prepared and will be put into execution as soon as the new Parliament assembles, whereby it will be the duty of public authorities and, if necessary, of the State itself to acquire land on a simple and economical basis for men

who have served in the war, either for cottages with gardens, allotments or small holdings, as the applicants may desire, and be suited for grants, provided to assist in training and initial equipment. In addition to this, we intend to secure and to promote the further development and cultivation of allotments and small holdings generally, so far as may be required in the public interest.

Increased production must necessarily be the basis of all schemes for the improvement of the conditions of the people. The war has revealed the extent to which the resources of the country have been dissipated by lack of organisation or by wasteful organisation. It has been demonstrated that the land of the country, if properly cultivated and used, could have yielded food and other products of the soil to a much larger extent. It must be among the first tasks of the new Government to repair this error, which added so much to our difficulties in our struggles against the submarines of the enemy.

FOSTERING AGRICULTURE.

The war has given a fresh impetus to agriculture. This must not be allowed to expire. Scientific farming must be promoted, and the Government regard the maintenance of a satisfactory agriculture wage, the improvement of village life, and the development of rural industries as essential parts of an agricultural policy.

Arrangements have been made whereby extensive afforestation and reclamation schemes may be entered upon without delay.

A systematic improvement in the transport facilities of the agricultural areas must form an essential part of every scheme for the development of the resources of the soil, and the Government are preparing plans with a view to increasing these facilities on a large scale.

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TIDE TABLE.

From 6th Jan. to 12th Jan.

Day	High Water	Low Water	Spring Tides	Neap Tides
Jan 6	11.15	4.15	11.15	4.15
Jan 7	11.15	4.15	11.15	4.15
Jan 8	11.15	4.15	11.15	4.15
Jan 9	11.15	4.15	11.15	4.15
Jan 10	11.15	4.15	11.15	4.15
Jan 11	11.15	4.15	11.15	4.15
Jan 12	11.15	4.15	11.15	4.15

VESSELS LOADING AND TO LOAD.

Destination.	Vessel's Name.	Per Freight Apply To.	To be Dispatched.
JAPAN AND COAST PORTS			
Singapore, Colombo, & Bombay	Dilwara	P & O.	12, Jan.
Bombay via Ports	Tenshin M.	N. Y. K.	12, Jan.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haibon	D. L. Co.	12, Jan.
Keelung via Swatow and Amoy	Kaijo M.	O. S. K.	12, Jan.
Swatow and Singapore	Luchow	B. & S.	13, Jan.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Tensho M.	N. Y. K.	14, Jan.
Shanghai	Sinkiang	B. & S.	14, Jan.
Haiphong	Lokang	J. M. Co.	14, Jan.
Shanghai	Esang	J. M. Co.	15, Jan.
Kobe	Fausang	J. M. Co.	16, Jan.
Shanghai	Suiyang	B. & S.	16, Jan.
Takao via Swatow and Amoy	Sosho M.	O. S. K.	16, Jan.
Manila	Yuansang	J. K. Co.	17, Jan.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiban	D. L. Co.	17, Jan.
Chefoo	Chipsang	J. M. Co.	17, Jan.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Kitanoh	N. Y. K.	18, Jan.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Sado M.	N. Y. K.	18, Jan.
Straits and Calcutta	Vitim	J. M. Co.	8, Jan.
Shanghai	Kaifong	B. & S.	19, Jan.
Singapore	Waerwijk	J. M. Co.	21, Jan.
Shanghai	Sigao	B. & S.	21, Jan.
Calcutta via Ports	Shiochiku	N. Y. K.	23, Jan.
Bombay via Ports	Taiwan M.	N. Y. K.	24, Jan.
Manila	Loongsang	J. M. Co.	24, Jan.
Java	Tijlajap	J. O. J. L.	End Jan.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

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The following Unclaimed Telegrams are lying here:—

Zenn seg. from Kobe.

Layuking, from Shanghai.

Leochowin, China Mail, from Shanghai.

Layuking, South and North Hong Street, from Shanghai.

Kwongyuen, Kwongyuentung, from K. be.

Sutcheong, from Shanghai.

Chongwo, Queen's Road, from Kobe.

Senkai, from Amoy.

Tait Kiamlin, from San Francisco.

Ujnamar, from Osaka.

Miss Lian Sykor, Hongkong Hotel, from T. kio.

Mr. Liejute No. 143, East Heishwan Road, from Auking.

Hanlon, from Oroville.

Clarke American Consul, from New York.

John Newsom Care Solano, from San Francisco.
Yayuen, England Market Middle, from Shanghai.
Mr. Wongmingwar, Compro-dore Tungchow, from Shanghai.

T. KALING,
Act. Superintendent.
Hongkong, January 10, 1919.

Eastern Extension, Australasia & China Telegraph Co.

List of Unclaimed Telegrams lying in the E. E. Telegraph Office at Hongkong.

Harmer, Jardine Matheson, from Manila.

Jay Zeames, c/o American Consul, from New York.

Katobissaya c/o Tokyo Hotel, from Yokohama.

Nakaburaro, Daiichiryo Maru, Keelung.

Hawlingson c/o China Merchant S.N. Co., from London P.O.

Spiers, from London.

J. K. GIBSON,
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Hongkong, January 9, 1919.

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All claims against the steamer should be presented within two weeks of the ship's arrival, otherwise they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

O. H. RITTER,

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Prince's Building, Ground Floor, Hongkong, 11th January 1919.

MOVEMENTS OF
STEAMERS.

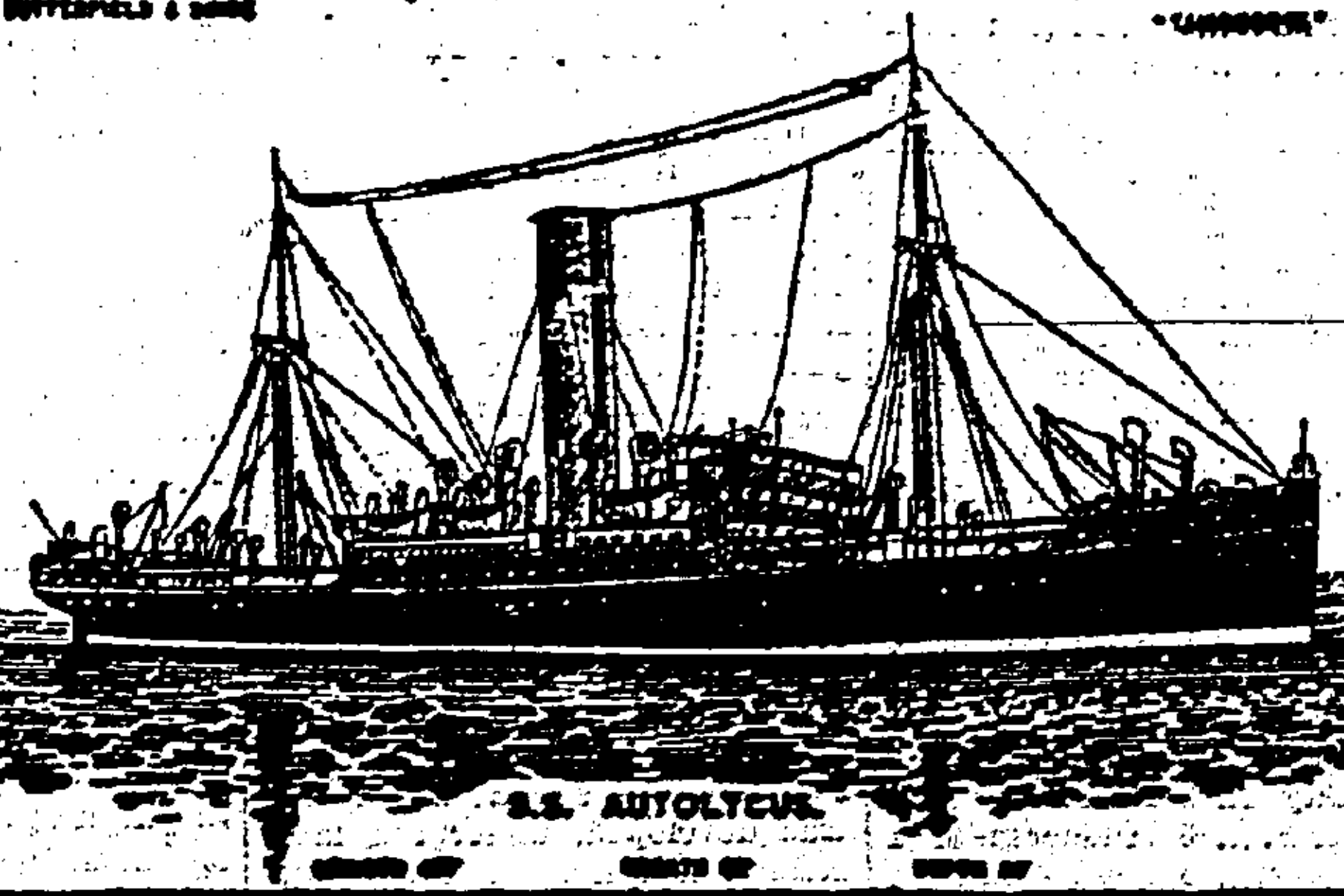
The China Mail S.S. Co. is in receipt of a telegram from the San Francisco Office advising that the S.S. CHINA sailed from that port for the Orient on Saturday, December 21, 1918, according to schedule.

The China Mail S.S. Co. is in receipt of a telegram from the Manila Agency to the effect that the S.S. VENEZUELA, voyage 10-H, is expected to leave Manila on Wednesday, the 8th inst.

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HONGKONG TRADE.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT.

The fortnightly Price Current and Market Report, published by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, dated January 10, states:—

Cotton piece goods and fancy cotton goods.—The market is featureless.

Cotton yarn.—A very moderate business was transacted and values improved about \$5 to \$10 per bale all round. Quotations are:—No. 10s at \$190.25; No. 12s at \$200.25; No. 16s at \$230.25; No. 20s at \$250.25. Arrivals 5,000 bales. Sales 3,000 bales. Shipments 500 bales. Unsold stock 5,000 bales. Bar-gains 12,000 bales.

Raw Cotton.—Market advanced somewhat and rates stand as follows:—Chinese description \$49.00 per picul. Indian grades \$42.00 per picul. Towards the close, however, the tone is easier.

Woolens.—Market dead. Metals.—No business reported. Dealers are not offering for any time, but are still endeavouring to cancel contracts. A fair quantity of material has already been cancelled.

Sugar.—Market steady. Flour market report.—Stock: About 220,000 sacks. Quotations: Japanese 2nd Patent (old stock) \$2.00 per sack; Shanghai Flour 2nd, \$2.20 per sack; Australian No. 1, \$2.00; per sack; Australian No. 2, \$1.80 per sack; Australian No. 3, \$1.60 per sack.

HOME FOOTBALL.

Home papers of November 23 give the following football results:—

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Heart of Mid...	3	Third Lanark	0
Dumbarton	4	Hibernians	0
Morton	1	Rangers	0
Partick Thistle	0	Celtic	1
Motherwell	2	Falkirk	1
Airdrieonians	3	St Mirren	1
Ayr United	4	Hamilton AC	1
Clyde	1	Kilmarnock	1
Queen's Park	3	Clydebank	4

LANGSHIRE LEAGUE.

Blackpool	2	Blackburn R.	0
Burnley	4	Port Vale	1
Bury	0	Everton	3
Liverpool	2	Manchester City	0
Manchester U.	1	Preston N.E.	2
Southport	0	Bolton Wander	0
Stockport Co.	6	Oldham Ath.	2
Stoke	1	Rochdale	1

MIDLAND LEAGUE.

Barnsley	1	Notts County	0
Bradford	6	Lincoln City	1
Coventry City	1	Birmingham C.	0
Hull City	4	Rotherham C.	0
Leeds City	2	Brad City	1
Leicester F.	3	Huddersfield	1
Notts Forest	3	Sheff. Wednes	1
Sheff. Utd.	3	Grimsby Town	1

LONDON COMBINATION.

Brentford	4	Arsenal	1
Clapton Or	0	Tottenham H.	3
Fulham	5	Crystal Pal.	1
Millwall	4	Q.P. Rangers	1
West Ham U.	3	Chelsea	1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

	P	W	L	D	Goals
Rangers	14	11	12	31	524
Celtic	13	9	13	25	821
Kilmarnock	15	8	34	31	20
Morton	14	6	17	28	19
Partick Thistle	14	8	33	26	19
Clydebank	13	6	16	22	18
Clyde	13	6	34	23	16
Heart of Mid.	15	6	34	22	15
Motherwell	14	3	33	13	14
Third Lanark	15	4	65	27	25
Hamilton	15	5	73	23	13
Airdrieonians	15	3	66	19	21
Ayr United	15	4	32	28	32
St Mirren	14	3	65	17	26
Queen's Park	13	4	72	22	24
Falkirk	15	3	11	23	37
Hibernians	14	1	12	1	841

DAY BY DAY.

There is again a persistent rumour in the Colony that General Sir Julian Byng is to succeed Sir Henry May, if and when he retires, as Governor of Hongkong.

We have been asked to state that the mails abroad the s.s. Polyphemus, which had to return to Hongkong owing to slight damage, have been returned to the Post Office and will be re-forwarded as follows:—All mails for the Straits, India, etc. and Parcels Post for the United Kingdom, per s. a. Dilwara, on the 12th instant; mails for Europe, per s. a. Nanking, on the 13th instant.

Mr. G. E. Lerrigo, the popular general secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in Canton, (and well-known in Hongkong) expects to leave the city on January 21 for America, when he will have a vacation of six months or so before returning to his field of labour. Mr. Lerrigo has been in the Y.M.C.A. service for nearly thirty years, one-third of the time being in China. Mr. Lerrigo is at present having some trouble with his throat, but his physician thinks he will be helped by taking a trip back to America.

Much regret has been felt in the Colony by the news of the death of Mr. A. A. Fyfe, formerly in the service, as chartered accountant, of Messrs. Percy Smith, Fleming and Seth. The deceased, who was a native of Scotland, went home to join up in 1915. He belonged to the Army Service Corps and we learn that he met his death by drowning in Dunkirk harbour whilst in the performance of his duties, his body not being recovered till fourteen days later. Mr. Fyfe, who was a member of the Police Reserve, was very popular among all who knew him, and much sympathy is felt for his bereaved mother and sister, who reside in Glasgow.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

When it reads that the new German Republic proposes to abolish the old "black, white and red" of the national ensign and adopt in its flag the colours of the Roman Empire, the public must guard itself against the idea that the reversion is to Ancient Rome. The empire meant is, of course, the Holy Roman Empire. Rome of the Consuls and the Emperors had no national flag whatever. Its "standards" were but carved creations of bronze. The original of the modern flag was a square piece of coloured cloth suspended crosswise on a wooden "yard" at the end of a spear. From this was developed, under the later Roman Empire, the "Labarum," a square of purple silk richly embroidered with gold.

"Adam Bede's Cottage" was offered for sale by auction recently at Ashbourne. It is situated in the straggling hamlet of Roston, near Norbury—the "Norbur" of the novelist—and there is reason for believing that at one time the father of George Eliot—who stood in part of the portrait of Adam Bede—resided in the house, which is at least 140 years old. It has been twice restored, and at one period was divided into two houses. The property realised £335. Green Lane, where the house stands, has other literary associations. It is on the road leading to Cubbey, where Dr. Johnson's father was born. George Evans (Adam Bede) is buried on the left-hand side of the path leading to the porch of Norbury Church. Bartle Massey's school, rebuilt in 1832, is in Green Lane, a third of a mile below Bede's Cottage.

THE COALITION.

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HOUSING OF THE PEOPLE.

The principal concern of every Government is, and must be, the condition of the great mass of the people who live by manual toil. The steadfast spirit of our workers, displayed on all the wide fields of action opened out by the war, in the trenches, on the ocean, in the air, in field, mine and factory, has left an imperishable mark on the heart and conscience of the nation. One of the first tasks of the Government will be to deal on broad and comprehensive lines with the housing of the people, which during the war has fallen so sadly into arrears, and upon which the well-being of the nation so largely depends. Larger opportunities for education, improved material conditions, and the prevention of the degrading standards of employment; a proper adaptation to peace conditions of the experience which during the war we have gained in regard to the traffic in drink—these are among the conditions of social harmony which we shall earnestly endeavour to promote.

It will be the fundamental object of the Coalition to promote the unity and development of our Empire and of the nations of which it is composed; to preserve for them the position and influence and authority which they have gained by their sacrifices and efforts in the cause of human liberty and progress; and to bring into being such conditions of living for the inhabitants of the British Isles as will secure plenty and opportunity for all.

REFERENCE TO COLONIES.

Until the country has returned to normal industrial conditions it would be premature to prescribe a fiscal policy intended for permanence. We must endeavour to reduce the War Debt in such a manner as may inflict the least injury to industry and credit. The country will need all the funds, all the raw materials, and all the credit which it can obtain, and fresh taxes ought not to be imposed on food or upon the raw materials of our industry. At the same time a preference will be given to our Colonies upon existing duties and upon any duties which for our own purposes may be subsequently imposed. One of the lessons which has been most clearly taught us by the war is the danger to the nation of being dependent upon other countries for vital supplies, on which the life of the nation may depend. It is the intention, therefore, of the Government to preserve and sustain where necessary those key industries in the way which experience and examination may prove to be best adapted for the purpose. If production is to be maintained at the highest limit at home, security must be given against the unfair competition to which our industries may be subjected by the dumping of goods produced abroad and sold on our market below the actual cost of production.

The military institutions of the country must necessarily be dependent upon the needs of the Empire and the prospective requirements of any league for the preservation of peace to which this country may hereafter be a party. Meanwhile, it will be the aim of the Government, to carry through the inevitable reductions in our military and naval establishments with the least possible suffering to individuals and to the best advantage of industry and trade.

LIBERATION OF INDUSTRY.

Active measures will be needed to secure employment for the workers of the country. Industry will rightly claim to be liberated at the earliest possible moment from Government control. By the development and control in the best interests of the State of the economical production of power and light; of the railways and the means of communication; by the improvement of Consular service; and by the establishment of regular machinery for consultation with representative trade and industrial organisations on matters affecting their interest and prosperity, output will be increased, new markets opened out, and great economies effected in industrial production.

It will be the duty of the new Government to remove all existing inequalities of the law as between men and women. It has been recognised by all parties that reform is urgently required in the constitution of the House of Lords, and it will be one of the objects of the Government to create a Second Chamber which will be based upon direct contact with the people, and will therefore be representative enough adequately to perform its functions.

The people of this country are not unmindful of the conspicuous services rendered by the Princes and people of India to the common cause of civilisation during the war. The Cabinet has already defined in unmistakable language the goal of British policy in India to the development of responsible government by grades. To the general tenor of that declaration we adhere and propose to give effect.

IRISH PROBLEMS. Ireland is unhappy rent by contending forces, and the main body of Irish opinion has seldom been more inflamed or less disposed to compromise than it is at the present moment. So long as the Irish question remains unsettled, there can be no political peace either in the United Kingdom or in the Empire, and we regard it as one of the first obligations of British statesmanship to explore all practical paths towards the settlement of this grave and difficult question, on the basis of self-government. But there are two paths which are closed—the one leading to a complete severance of Ireland from the British Empire, and the other to the forcible submission of the six counties of Ulster to a Home Rule Parliament against their will. In imposing these two limitations we are only acting in accordance with the declared views of all English political leaders.

GOLDEN TIMES OF PEACE.

It is a source of pride to be of this age and to be members of this nation. In the whole course of the world's history no generation has been compelled to face sacrifices such as we have steadfastly endured, or perils such as we have victoriously confronted. Well and truly have rich and poor, castle and cottage, stood the ordeal of fire. Might earnestly do we trust that the united temper, the quiet fortitude, the high and resolute patriotism of our nation may be long preserved into the golden times of peace.

D. LLOYD GEORGE.

A. BONAR LAW.

LORD LEVERHULME'S CURRENCY.

Lord Leverhulme has introduced a Bill to decimalise the coinage, and to provide for currency notes of a guinea, a half-guinea, and one royal (a hundred halfpennies).

VALUABLE BOOK OF AUTOGRAPHS.

£350 has been already offered for a book containing 100 autographs, including those of Marshal Foch, Mr. Lloyd George, and Sir Douglas Haig, which will be sold at a bazaar in aid of Queen Alexandra's Field Force Fund, at Hyde Park Hotel, on November 23-30. Queen Alexandra has written a dedication on the book cover.

TO-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.

S.—SELLERS; RA.—SALES; B.—BUYERS; N.—NOMINAL.

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Shells n. \$137

Ferries n. \$34

REFINERIES.

Sugars n. \$99

Malabon b. \$37

MINING.

Kailans b. 47-

Langkats b. 211

Raubis n. 24

Tronohs n. 47-

Urals n. 35-

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, & C.

H. K. Wharves b. \$104

Kowloon Docks n. \$157

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LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.

Centrals b. \$108

H. K. Hotels b. \$81

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H. P. Hays Est. b. \$7.70

K'loon Lands b. \$35

West Points n. \$72

COTTON MILLS.

Ewos b. 171

Kung Yiks b. 15

Lau Kung Mow n. \$124

Orientals n. \$71

Shai Cottons b. \$150

Yangtzeppoo n. \$8.60

MISCELLANEOUS.

Green Islands n. \$9

Borneos n. \$124

China Light & P. n. \$6

Providents b. \$23

Dairy Farms n. \$267

H. K. Electrica b. \$64

Macao Electrica b. \$33

Ropes b. \$55

Frans. Low Level n. \$7.80

Frans. Peak, old b. \$7

Frans. Peak, new b. \$7

Landries b. \$34 & \$4

Steel Foundries n. \$12

U. Waterboards n. \$12

Watsons n. \$58

Wm. Powells b. \$94

Wiseman's b. \$20

Hongkong, January 11, 1919.

HONGKONG POST OFFICE.

A BUSY DAY.

Yesterday was one of the busiest days in the history of the Hongkong Post Office, no fewer than four mail steamers coming in. The staff had an almost insurmountable task, but one and all coped splendidly with the work.

The Katori Maru and the Nanking, both brought heavy mails from America and the United Kingdom, the Agamemnon brought a parcel mail despatched from England on Nov. 18 and the Mishima Maru carried mails from the United Kingdom and a heavy consignment from India. In all 2,000 parcels were dealt with, the latest letter mail being that dated Nov. 26 from London. The 13,000 registered letters received is somewhat of a record and some idea of the work involved may be gathered from the 26,000 receipts which had to be written out. The parcel mail will probably not be delivered until Monday, the reason being that a duplicate list is usually despatched from London by letter mail so that by the time the parcels arrive here everything is ready, in this instance no list has yet been received, so it has got to be made out. While on the subject of parcel mails it may be pointed out that 1,000 parcels were also received from America.

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SPORTING BIT-BITS.

The Celtic propose to visit Prague next summer, all going well. Prague is the centre of the Czech-Slav Government, and the people are friendly to the Allies.

"Bombardier" Wells says the time is not ripe for him making a match with Frank Goodard. He wants a good rest first, and a long spell of training to get into perfect condition.

The death is announced of J. M. Dugdale, one of the English Twenty who played in the first Rugby international at Melbourne Place in 1871.

During the flat-racing season now closed the progeny of Bayard won eight races of the total value of \$15,650. Sir Polyvalus had 23 races at his credit, and the stakes from these amounted to \$12,488.

Mr. A. S. Owen, formerly secretary of the Players' Union, who has been invalided out of the Army, has been appointed secretary of the Port Vale F.C. He was an amateur in the game and an outside left of considerable experience.

Writing two years ago, Sergeant W. Voisey, an old millwall half-back, said:—"The only cup the Huns will win in this campaign is the cup of sorrow." He is in the artillery, and has been very highly commended for gallantry in the field.

INVESTITURE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

ORDER OF BRITISH EMPIRE.

Invitations have been issued for an investiture of the Order of the British Empire, which is to be held at Government House on Wednesday, the 10th instant. The function will take place at 3.45 p.m. We understand that the following gentlemen are to be invested:—

C.B.E.—The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., and Mr. F. C. Jenkin; O.B.E.—The Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., Mr. N. J. Stubb and Mr. C. G. Alabaster. R.A. Stubbson would also have been invested with the M.B.E.

Gallagher, of the Celtic, says it is quite a good idea that players should work as well as play. But before making such a rule he holds that the consent of the players would have to be first obtained. He thinks it is time a Professional Players' Association was formed.

The Marylebone Cricket Club (says a Marylebone Member) says a captain to the Cricket Board of Control proposing that a team of Active Service men should tour England during next season. The Board of Control is considering the proposal.

J. A. M. Selby, the Watson's College half-back, who has been staying in Roxburghshire during the influenza epidemic, successfully "tanked" a salmon of 16 lb. on an anglar on "Trottside." The way he passed the fish to the bank was quite typical of his good work at the base of the scrum.

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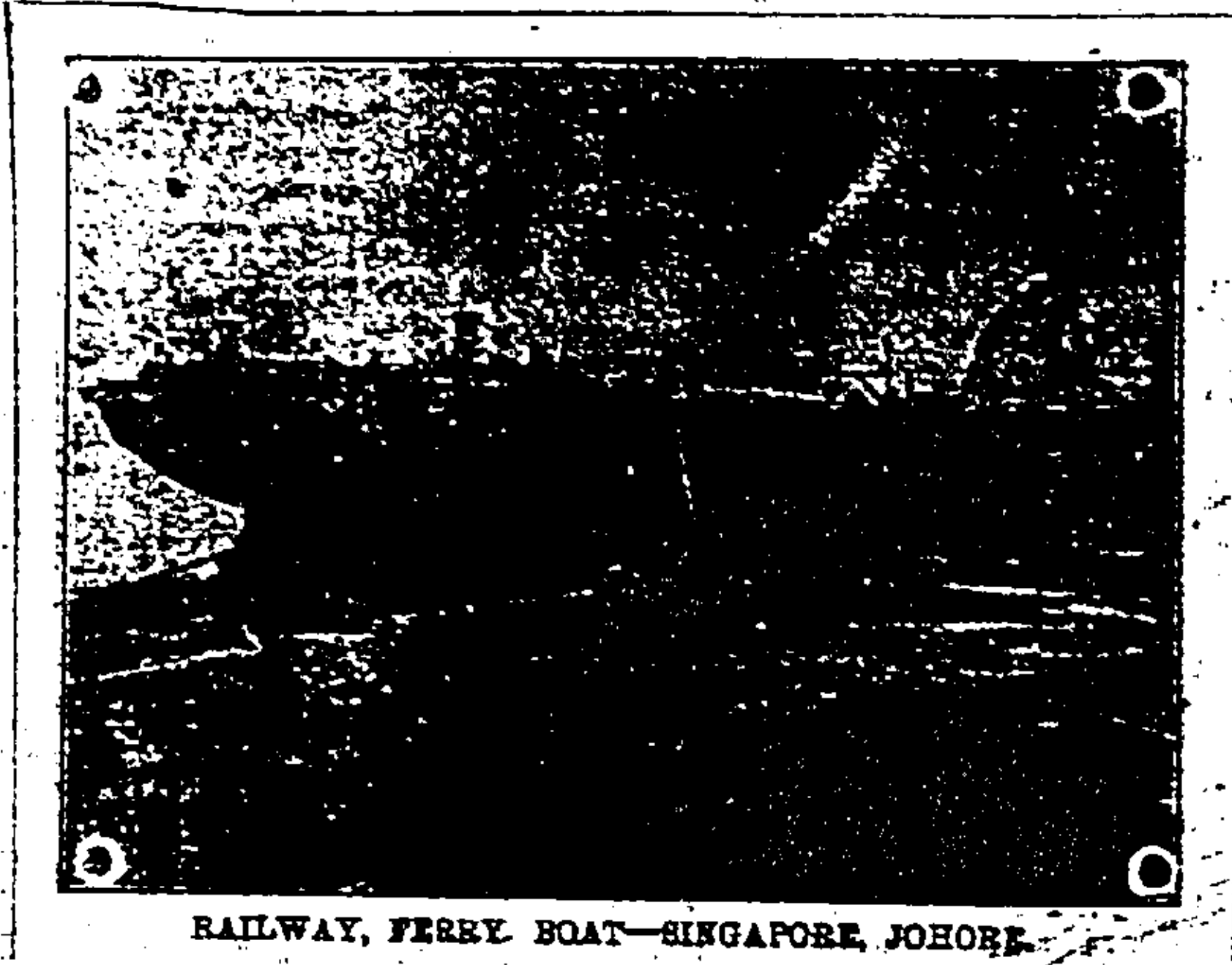
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co & New York	185
T/T Java	185
T/T Marks	N. m.
T/T France	4.30
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4 m/s L/C	3/5 1/4
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30 d/s Sydney and Melbourne	3/5 1/4
30 d/s San Francisco	80 1/4
co & New York	80 1/4
4 m/s Marks	Nom.
4 m/s France	4.47 1/4
6 m/s France	4.52 1/4
Demand Germany	79
Demand New York	79
T/T Bombay	Nom.
Demand, Bombay	Nom.
T/T Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Manila	160
Demand, Singapore	141
On Haiphong	23 1/4 prem.
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THE GOVERNMENT AND COMMERCE.

Mr. W. L. Hitchens, chairman of Cammell, Laird and Co., lecturing recently on "The Functions of the Government in Relation to Industry," said he thought the Government should keep outside the arena of commerce and industry. The Government had already more than enough to do without annexing a vast new sphere of activity. State trading tended to create international complications and increased the risk of war. A rate war in the transatlantic trade would have more serious results than a rate war between Governments. With the investigation of private firms by itself entering the arena of trade the State lost the detachment and impartiality which were expected from the ultimate controlling authority.

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